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AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JAP PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

USDAO SAIGON

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CINCPAC

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COMUSMACTHAI

DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

RHHMBRWLXCINCPACFLT

CINCPACAF

CDR USSAG NKP

CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPEC REP NKP

CHSPEC ACTS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

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354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP
432 TRW UDORN
CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5239

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 27 JULY 1973

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW, 388 TFW,
354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2
AND PAO.

REF: VIENTIANE 5125

I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I, II, III, IV AND V: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED DURING
PERIOD 25-27 JULY.

B. RLAF FLEW 3 T-28 SORTIES AGAINST A FAC OBSERVED ENEMY
FIREBASE IN MR-III NORTHEAST OF DONG HENE (WD 3561), WITH
UNKNOWN RESULTS.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE, ON JULY 26, REQUESTED PRIME
MINISTER TO ADDRESS ASSEMBLY ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. PRIME MINISTER
RESPONDED RAPIDLY BY MEETING WITH DEPUTIES IN CLOSED SESSION TODAY
(JULY 27). HE SPOKE TO THEM FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES AND THEN LEFT HIS
CHIEF NEGOTIATORS, PHENG PHONGSAVAN AND NGON SANANIKONE, BEHIND TO
ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR. (COMMENT: WHILE SOUVANNA
IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID NOTHING SIGNIFICANTLY NEW TO THE DEPUTIES,
HIS DECISION TO MEET WITH THEM WAS A ASTUTE TACTICAL AND PSYCHOLO-
GICAL MOVE WHICH SHOULD SERVE TO THROW HIS OPPOSITION IN THE ASSEMBLY
OFF BALANCE, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.)

B. OPTIMISM CONTINUES IN VIENTIANE REGARDING PROSPECTS OF RLG-
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LPF TALKS, DESPITE SOME UNENCOURAGEING COMMENTS MADE BY PHENG
PHONGSAVAN TO XAT LAO JULY 26. PHENG SAID THAT, AT HIS MEETING
WITH PHOUMI VONGVICHIT JULY 25, PHOUMI TOLD HIM LPF PERMREP SOTH
PHETRASY RETURNED FROM SAM NEUA WITHOUT ANY NEW INSTRUCTIONS
FROM LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE. PHENG ALSO STATED THAT LPF REJECTED
RLG'S LATEST OFFER TO HAVE TWO ADDITIONAL PATHET LAO COMPANIES STA-
TIONED IN VIENTIANE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR LPF MINISTERS. HE SAID
LPF STILL INSISTS ON HAVING TWO BATTALIONS IN VIENTIANE. (COMMENT:

DESPITE SUCH PUBLIC STATEMENTS, MORE PRIVATE INDICATIONS ARE THAT
NEGOTIATIONS STILL SEEM TO BE ON TRACK).
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